(d) by when full plan of action would be drawn up and implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (d) Government have their own mechanism for obtaining expert advice on costs relating to industries. Such advice is taken as and when considered necessary, both in the context of rationalisation of duties and for evaluating the benefit of duty concessions.

Development Plans for Uttarakhand

2543. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 364 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd August, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the details of the plans for the development of Uttarakhand, the hilly regions of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) to what extent these development programmes have been executed; and

(c) what are the details of the plans under execution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) The 8 hill districts of Uttar Pradesh are covered under the Hill Area Development Programme, which has been in operation since 1974-75. Government of Uttar Pradesh has decentralised the planning process in order to achieve the objective of balanced regional development and to meet the aspirations of the local people.

2. According to the information received from the Planning Commission, a separate sub-plan is being implemented for the U.P. Hill areas which is funded partly from the State Government Plan and partly from Special Central Assistance. The U.P. hill areas are the major beneficiaries of this Special Central Assistance since 63.6 per cent (Rs. 553.50 crores) of the total SCA (Rs. 870 crores) kept for the 7th Plan under the Hill Areas Development Programme is shared by them. Progress in various sectors of development—both financial and physical—during the 7th Five-Year Plan as furnished by the Planning Commission, is given in Annexures I [*See* Appendix CXLVIII, Annexure No. 114] II [*See* Appendix CXLVIII, Annexure No. 115, & III [See Appendix CXLVIII, Annexure No. 116.]

Special Assistance to Punjab for Modernising State Police

2544. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab Government has sought special assistance for modernising the State Police set-up;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard: and

(c) what is the response of the Central Government to the State's plea?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Killing by Terrorists in Chandigarh

2545. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the killings by terrorists in Chandigarh during the last one year; and

(b) what action has been taken in the matter so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Four persons, namely, Inspector Jagjit Singh, Shri Hit Abhilashi, Punjab BJP President; driver of Shri Hit Abhilashi, and Major General B. N. Kumar were killed by the terrorists during the last one year.

(b) Cases have been registered in the concerned Police Stations of the territory. As per information received from Chandigarh Administration, 4 accused, involved in the murder of Inspector Jagjit Singh are reported to have been killed in police encounter. In case FIR No. 227/88 of Police Station West, (Shri Hit Abhilashi's case) accused have been identified. In case FIR No. 255/88 of Police Station Sector 39 (Maj. Gen. B. N. Kumar's case) a terrorist group has claimed the shoot out. Assistance from Punjab Police has also been sought, to apprehend the assailants. Other Central Police organisations have also been requested to cooperate in the investigations etc.

विकास आयोग (हथकरघा) दिल्ली

2546. **श्री राम जेठमलानी** : क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अभी हाल ही में सरकार ने पंजीकरण करने का दायित्व मद्रास हथकरघा निर्यात संवर्धन परिषद् से छीन कर विकास आयुक्त (हथकरघा) दिल्ली को दे दिया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार को यह निर्णय कतिपय शिकायतों व त्रुटियों के आधार पर लेने को बाध्य होना पड़ेगा ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या खामियां या शिकायतें थीं और क्या सरकार ने पहले इन शिकायतों या खामियों की जांच कराई थी; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका क्या परिणाम रहा और जांच करने वाले अभिकरण का क्या नाम है;

वस्त्र मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रफीक आलम) : (क) से (घ) सरकार ने विकास आयुक्त (हथकरघा) को हथकरघा वस्तुओं के लिए पंजीकरण प्राधिकरण के रूप में अधिसूचित किया है, देखिए वाणिज्य मंत्रालय की सार्वजनिक सूचना सं० 56-आईटीसी (पी एन)/88-91 दिनांक 20-9-1988 तथापि मद्रास उच्च न्यायालय में सरकार के विनिश्चय के विरुद्ध एक याचिका दायर की गई है और यह मामला न्याय निर्णयाधीन है ।

STC defrauded in garment export deal

2547. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Trading Corporation (STC) has been defrauded of lakhs of rupees in premium in a garment export deal with a Bombay based firm;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some of the top executives of STC are involved in this scandal;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard and what action has been taken so far against the erring officials; and

(d) whether some of the executives have resigned from the STC over this deal anticipating some action and if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (d) On